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SUBJECT: TARIFFS - ISRAEL'S TARIFF PREFERENCE TO EC ON TEXTILE ITEMS

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1. EMBOFF MET ON FEB 15 WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN TRADE OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TOURISM, YAACOV COHEN AND AMBASSADOR EPHRAIM HARAN, IN CHARGE OF MTN AND GATT AFFAIRS FOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, ISRAEL'S TARRIFF PREFERENCE TO EC ON CERTAIN TEXTILE ITEMS.

2. COHEN EMPHASIZED THAT GOI WAS STILL STUDYING U.S. REQUEST FOR CHANGES IN SPECIFIC DUTIES IN FOUR TEXTILE ITEMS AS PER PARAGRAPH FOUR REFTEL C. HE HOPED THAT A REPLY WOULD BE READY WITHIN TEN DAYS.

3. EXPANDING HIS COMMENTS ON TEXTILES, COHEN SAID THAT IN 1977 THE ISRAELI SHARE OF U.S. TEXTILE IMPORTS HAD FALLEN. A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE TEXTILE IMPORTED INTO ISRAEL FROM THE U.S. ARE ACTUALLY ITEMS MANUFACTURED IN THE FAR EAST AND ARE COMING INTO ISRAEL MISLABELED AS U.S. PRODUCTS; OVERALL IMPORTS
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OF TEXTILES INTO ISRAEL HAD INCREASED IN 1977 FROM \$50 MILLION TO \$100 MILLION. IF ISRAEL AGREED TO LOWER THE DUTIES ON ADDITIONAL TEXTILE ITEMS FOR THE U.S., THIS REDUCTION WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE EXTENDED TO ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. THE ONLY BENEFICIARIES WOULD BE FAR EAST COUNTRIES WHICH COULD UNDERSSELL U.S. TEXTILES IN ISRAEL.

4. COHEN ADDED THAT OBVIOUSLY THE 1975 UNDERSTANDING HAD TO BE RENEGOTIATED REGARDING LISTED ITEMS. HE MENTIONED THAT PERHAPS ISRAEL COULD PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO THE U.S. FOR REMOVAL OF TEXTILE CATEGORIES FROM THE UNDERSTANDING.

5. AMBASSADOR HARAN ALSO DISAGREED STRONGLY WITH FIRST POINT IN PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL B. HE MAINTAINED THAT GATT RULES DID ALLOW CHANGES IN SPECIFIC RATES.

6. COMMENT: GOI WILL REQUEST CHANGES IN COMMODITIES LISTED IN THE 1975 UNDERSTANDING. SPECIFICALLY ON TEXTILE ITEMS, GOI REASONING FOR CHANGES WILL FOLLOW COHEN RATIONALE DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED ON PREPARATIONS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE 1975 UNDERSTANDING MENTIONED PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL B.
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